

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An electric shaver comprising:

a cutter frame,

an outer cutter provided in said cutter frame, said outer cutter including a shaving surface having hair introduction openings, a side wall formed in continuous to said shaving surface, and corner slits formed in said side wall so as to communicate with said hair introduction openings, and

an inner cutter formed with a plurality of inner cutter bodies that make sliding contact with an inside surface of said shaving surface of said outer cutter;

said electric shaver further comprising at least one non-rotating upright member which is provided, between said side wall and side end surfaces of said inner cutter bodies that face said side wall, in an upright attitude in a direction substantially perpendicular to said shaving surface of said outer cutter, said upright member being provided so that a tip end portion thereof can be caused to protrude further toward said shaving surface than end portions of said corner slits.

Claim 2 (original): The electric shaver according to Claim 1, wherein said upright member is provided on said outer cutter so that said tip end portion protrudes further toward said shaving surface than said end portions of said corner slits.

Claim 3 (original): The electric shaver according to Claim 2, wherein said tip end portion of said upright member is in contact with said inside surface of said shaving surface of said outer cutter.

Claim 4 (original): The electric shaver according to Claim 1, wherein said upright member is provided so that said tip end portion thereof said is positionally adjustable in a direction perpendicular to said shaving surface.

Claim 5 (original): The electric shaver according to Claim 1, wherein said upright member is provided so as to be raised and lowered with respect to said outer cutter in a direction perpendicular to said shaving surface, and said upright member is provided so that said tip end portion of said upright member protrudes further toward said shaving surface than said end portions of said corner slits when said upright member is raised.

Claim 6 (original): The electric shaver according to Claim 5, wherein

said outer cutter and said inner cutter are disposed so as to be raised and lowered with respect to said cutter frame; and

said upright member is disposed so that:

said tip end portion of said upright member is separated from said shaving surface of said outer cutter when said outer cutter is raised with respect to said cutter frame, and

said tip end portion of said upright member is in contact with said inside surface of said shaving surface when said outer cutter is lowered with respect to said cutter frame.

Claim 7 (currently amended): ~~[[The]]~~ An electric shaver according to Claim 6, wherein comprising:

a cutter frame,

an outer cutter provided in said cutter frame, said outer cutter including a shaving surface having hair introduction openings, a side wall formed in continuous to said shaving surface, and corner slits formed in said side wall so as to communicate with said hair introduction openings, and

an inner cutter formed with a plurality of inner cutter bodies that make sliding contact with an inside surface of said shaving surface of said outer cutter;

said electric shaver further comprising at least one upright member which is provided, between said side wall and side end surfaces of said inner cutter bodies that face said side wall, in an upright attitude in a direction substantially perpendicular to said shaving surface of said outer cutter, said upright member being provided so that a tip end portion thereof can be caused to protrude further toward said shaving surface than end portions of said corner slits,

wherein

said upright member is provided so as to be raised and lowered with respect to said outer cutter in a direction perpendicular to said shaving surface,

said upright member is provided so that said tip end portion of said upright member protrudes further toward said shaving surface than said end portions of said corner slits when said upright member is raised,

said outer cutter and said inner cutter are disposed so as to be raised and lowered with respect to said cutter frame;

said upright member is disposed so that:

said tip end portion of said upright member is separated from said shaving surface of said outer cutter when said outer cutter is raised with respect to said cutter frame, and
said tip end portion of said upright member is in contact with said inside surface of said shaving surface when said outer cutter is lowered with respect to said cutter frame,

said upright member is provided on said outer cutter with an elastic member in between, and

said tip end portion of said upright member comes in contact with said inside surface of said shaving surface as a result of deformation of said elastic member that occurs when said outer cutter is lowered with respect to said cutter frame.

Claim 8 (original): The electric shaver according to Claim 4, 5, 6 or 7, wherein a positional adjustment of said upright member is accomplished in steps.

Claim 9 (original): An electric shaver according to any one of Claims 1 through 7, wherein

said outer cutter is comprised of said shaving surface formed in a ring-form shape, an outside wall formed in continuous to an outer circumferential edge of said shaving surface, an inside wall formed in continuous to an inner circumferential edge of said shaving surface, and outer circumference side corner slits and inner circumference side corner slits which communicate with said hair introduction openings and are respectively formed in said outside wall and inside wall; and

said upright member is disposed at least one of between said outside wall and outer circumference side end surfaces of said inner cutter bodies and between said inside wall and inner circumference side end surfaces of said inner cutter bodies.